

December 4, 2020

Special Offering

The special offering for Sunday is for **Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA)**. MICA is a private, non-profit organization serving children and families affected by poverty in central Iowa. To learn more, visit micaonline.org.

Communion

Sunday, December 6, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for believers. If you are sorry for your sins and follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, you are invited to come to his table. Through this celebration, we remember that:

- a. The Lord's Supper is a thanksgiving to God.
- b. The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ.
- c. The Lord's Supper is a participation in the body and the blood of Christ.
- d. The Lord's Supper signifies the work of the Spirit.
- e. The Lord's Supper seals the present and coming kingdom of God.

Angel Tree Gifts and Food Drive

Gifts need to be returned to Trinity by **Sunday, December 6** or to The Salvation Army by **December 10**.

The Salvation Army food drive is limited to soups (any type except for tomato) and breakfast cereal. If you wish you can drop off a check at the church made out to The Salvation Army-Ames, Iowa. This food drive will go through **December 20**. If anyone has questions feel free to contact Mark Voss or Rob Hubert.

Advent Virtual Small Groups

We are using J.D. Greer's *Advent* study on RightNow Media. Rachel DeBruin's group meets on **Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.**, Pastor Randy's group meets on **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** Please contact Rachel or Pastor Randy if you want to participate and they will send you the RightNow Media Virtual Group link. Another option is to do this study as a family and use the Family Guide that is provided. Here is a link to the study: rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/458407

Council

The next Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 9**.

Roots will meet **December 9, 6:30 p.m.** online.

The **Roots End of the Year/Christmas party** will be on **Saturday, December 19th** at 1:30 p.m. at Laura Hufford's house.

Gingerbread Building Competition

Education Committee invites you to participate in this year's Intergenerational activity. We are planning a Take and Make--gingerbread building competition. The Education Committee will provide the basic supplies --graham crackers, frosting, gum drops and other small candies. You are to take the supplies home and build whatever you dream up. Feel free to add and or buy additional supplies. Some examples are Nativity, a church, a house, etc. Please post your creation on our "Trinity CRC Attenders" Facebook group page for all to view. The Education Committee will have supplies available for pickup on **December 13** and all creations need to be posted by **December 27** for consideration. No official prizes will be awarded except for bragging rights.

Endowment Fund Requests

This year, the Endowment Committee anticipates that there will be money available for distribution for certain causes. Per our Endowment Policy, these causes include:

- Special expenses associated with initiating new ministries or expanding existing ministries.
- Investments in leadership development.
- Purchase of new equipment designed to enhance the ministries of the Church.
- Projects necessary to improve or preserve the building and grounds of the Church.
- Support participation by congregants in events that will enhance the vitality of the Church. (e.g., the annual Day of Encouragement at Dordt College, the annual Symposium on Worship at Calvin College, mission trips, etc.)

Requests for these funds can be made by individuals or committees, but all requests shall be submitted to the Endowment Committee either through a committee or Council for consideration. Requests shall preferably be made by **December 31, 2020**, but no later than January 15, 2020. Please contact Christina Helfers for an Endowment Fund Request form. ** Distributions from the Endowment Fund shall not be used for general budget shortfall.

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org

Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Bill Frazier; L-S = Temp - Pastor Randy Raak ; T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

Deacons: Donna Bergman; Andrew Friend; Mark Irvin; Tom Whitney

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to God Ministries

SALVATION IS A CHRISTMAS GIFT - Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week's devotion talks about how God's salvation is a free gift. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Calvin University January Lecture Series

Calvin University presents their 34th annual January Series – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered as lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on **January 6** and continues weekdays through **January 26 from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.** with topics ranging from the future of the Supreme Court, climate change, the era of intelligent technology, civil discourse, racial tensions, the arts as a healing balm and so much more by top experts in their fields. Access to the award-winning lecture series will be easier than ever. This year, due to the realities of COVID-19, the January Series will have a completely virtual audience. Attendees will be able to watch and listen to the 15 presentations on their own personal devices, in their own locations, or gather at small remote sites available across the continent. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites and to register for personal viewing, visit our website at www.calvin.edu/january